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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/530,099	Applicant(s) YOKOYAMA ET AL.	
	Examiner Abbas I. Abdulsalam	Art Unit 2629	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 March 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-27 and 49-65 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 21-27 and 49 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 50-65 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to a communication filed on 03/14/06. Claims 21-27 and 49-65 are pending. Claims 1-20 and 28-48 are canceled.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed on 03/14/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the cited references alone or in combination do not teach a pulse current source for providing a pulsing current to the organic electroluminescent elements. However, as shown in the art rejection below, Yoshio et al. (Japanese Publication # 10-207395) teach the use of a variety electroluminescent light sources including but not limited to halogen lamp, hydrogen discharge tube, and a fluorescent lamp etc. (page 8, 34th paragraph under Detailed Description). Thus, it is well known for one of ordinary skill in the art that the light source mentioned above, for example a lamp could be used as possible source of pulse current.

In response to applicant's argument that there is no suggestion to combine the references, the examiner recognizes that obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this case, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Yoshio's display system to adapt Kazuyuki's polarizing plate along with color filters as illustrated in the abstract because the use of color filters helps obtain a

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color display system with a high color reproducibility as taught by Kazuyuki (see the first sentence in the abstract).

In addition, Yoshio teaches the use of liquid crystal equipment such as an optical shutter with respect to color display (see page 3, 12th paragraph under detailed description) and Kazuyuki teaches about color liquid crystal display. Thus one of ordinary skill in the art would have looked toward Kazuyuki for the manner by which the display system is configured with respect to different colors.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 21-27 and 49 are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 50-65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshio et al. (Japanese Publication # 10-207395) in view of Kazuyuki et al. (Japanese Publication # 62-125326).

Regarding claims 50, 53, 58, 63 and 64, Yoshio teaches a display system including a light wavelength conversion mechanism (1), which contains an organic phosphor, and can emit in a

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visible region such that when the three primary colors are obtained for a color display, the light emission central wavelength of a light source enters a specific range.

Yoshio does not teach an “optical system that includes a holographic combiner that enlarges and displays the image in the display element, the first, second, and the third organic electroluminescent elements having luminescent regions with substantially the same size as that of a display area of the display element”.

Kazuyuki on the other hand teaches that high brightness and high color purity is realized by combining polarizing plate and color filters both having almost equal characteristics concerning the transmittance for the wavelength corresponding to R, G, B. Kazuyuki also teaches that with the use of the primary color, the range of a reproducible color is enlarged (see the abstract).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Yoshio’s display system to adapt Kazuyuki’s polarizing plate along with color filters as illustrated in the abstract because the use of color filters helps obtain a color display system with a high color reproducibility as taught by Kazuyuki (see the first sentence in the abstract).

Regarding claims 51-52, 54-57, 59-62 and 65, Yoshio teaches a light wavelength conversion mechanism (1) containing an organic phosphor, and Kazuyuki teaches a realization of high brightness and color through polarizing plate and color filters (see the abstracts for each).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following are cited for a reference.

Japanese Publication # 10-207395 to Yoshio et al., this time, and the reference is resubmitted in its entirety.

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abbas I. Abdulsalam whose telephone number is (571) 272-7685. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Hjerpe can be reached on (571) 272-7691. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

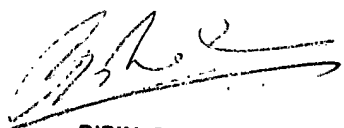
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